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VERIFICATION COMMISSION

REF: A. STATE 200867, B. KINSHASA 8910, C. KHARTOUM 3789

1. DURING AUG 17 MEETING WITH ZAIRIAN STATE SECRETARY FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASAL IDZUMBUIR, CHARGE INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS
OF BORDER VERIFICATION COMMISSION. IDZUMBUIR SAID THAT GOZ'S
CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSION NOW ARE SUDAN AND CENTRAL AFRICAN
EMPIRE. GAO CANDIDATES CONTINUE TO BE NIGERIA AND CAMEROON.

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CAMEROON CAUSES ZAIRE NO PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH NIGERIA HAS
TROOPS IN ANGOLA AND THEREFORE IS CONSIDERED BIASED IN FAVOR OF
ANGOLA, ACCORDING TO IDZUMBUIR, ZAIRE IS INCLINED TO COMPROMISE
AND ACCEPT NIGERIA. HOWEVER, IF AS ANTICIPATED, ANGOLA BALKS AT
CAE PARTICIPATION (ON GROUNDS THAT CAE IS TOO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED
WITH ZAIRE) THEN GOZ WILL OBJECT TO INCLUSION OF NIGERIA ON
COMMISSION. SUDAN REPORTEDLY IS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES.

2. DURING THIS WEEK'S BILATERAL MEETINGS, STATE SECTY SAID, BOTH SIDES WILL BE WORKING TOWARD AGREEMENT ON NATURE AND LOCATION OF VERIFICATION TEAMS/POSTS. AT LEAST INITIALLY, TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE MILITARY ORIENTATION. GOZ ANTICIPATES THAT EVENTUALLY TEAMS WILL BE MIXED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN.

3. IDZUMBUIR SAID THAT OAU ASST SEC GEN ONU HAS BEEN IN KINSHASA THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS VERIFICATION AND OTHER ISSUES CONNECTED WITH RECONCILIATION. HOWEVER, GOZ IS RELUCTANT TO ALLOW OAU SECRETARIAT TO PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN SETTING UP VERIFICATION COMMISSION, PREFERRING TO HAVE CHAIRMAN NUMAYRI OVERSEE THAT EFFORT. HOWEVER, NEITHER GOZ NOR GOA WILL BE READY FOR OAU TO PLAY ANY ACTIVE ROLE IN ORGANIZING COMMISSION UNTIL MOBUTU AND NETO HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON SOME BASIC GUIDELINES, POSSIBLY THIS WEEK.

4. IDZUMBUIR WAS AWARE THAT WE HAD POSED LIST OF QUESTIONS CONTAINED REF A TO PRESIDENTIAL CABINET DIRECTOR NIMY. CHARGE POINTED OUT AGAIN THAT WE CANNOT AT THIS STAGE PREJUDGE HOW US MIGHT RESPOND TO ANY EVENTUAL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, WE REMAIN DEEPLY INTERESTED IN SEEING RECONCILIATION PROCEED. IDZUMBUIR SAID GOZ WELCOMED US INTEREST AND WOULD KEEP US INFORMED.

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